



70th Anniversary of US Forces in New Zealand



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This year marks 70 years since US Forces arrived in New Zealand during WWII. From 1942 to 1944, at any one point in time, between 15,000 and 45,000 American servicemen and women were stationed in New Zealand.



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A bond forged during the Pacific War

The US presence reassured New Zealanders that the war would end well, with our shores secure and our soldiers able to return home to rebuild our country.

Some US servicemen were here to train for the battles ahead. Others were recuperating before going back to fight. Many never returned from the Pacific and we remember and honour their sacrifices today.



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